



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Cool temperatures and dry weather across most of Minnesota allowed farmers 5.3 **days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending August 30, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Only extreme southern and northern parts of Minnesota received significant rainfall throughout the week. Other field activities for the week included harvesting hay and chopping corn for silage.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 88 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

Sixty-five percent of Minnesota's **corn** acreage was in or beyond the dent stage, 10 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn condition rated 88 percent good to excellent. Corn harvested for silage was 5 percent complete, over 1 week behind normal. Twenty-seven percent of the **soybean** acreage was turning color or beyond, 9 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of average. Soybean condition rated 79 percent good to excellent, with small portions of the crop starting to drop leaves. Small grain harvest was over 95 percent complete, well ahead of both last year and normal. With 81 percent of the **dry edible bean** crop turning color or beyond, 44 percent of the crop was dropping leaves or beyond, 9 days ahead of average. Dry edible bean condition rated 72 percent good to excellent. Twenty-four percent of the **potato** crop was harvested, with 92 percent of the acreage rated in good to excellent condition. **Sunflower** condition rated 62 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** harvest was 6 percent complete, 2 weeks ahead of average. Sugarbeet condition rated 85 percent good to excellent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 75 percent complete, 8 days ahead of last year. **Pasture** condition rated 73 percent good to excellent, up slightly from last week. Livestock were comfortable with the cooler than normal temperatures.

Crop Progress as of August 30, 2015

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.3	3.7	4.1	5.8
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley harvested	96	92	62	85
Corn dough	96	88	87	85
Corn dented	65	34	32	49
Corn for Silage harvested.....	5	1	0	16
Dry Ed. Beans coloring.....	81	57	(NA)	(NA)
Dry Ed. Beans drop leaves...	44	14	(NA)	(NA)
Hay, Alfalfa 3 rd cutting	75	61	62	(NA)
Oats harvested.....	97	92	81	92
Potatoes harvested	24	20	14	21
Soybeans coloring.....	27	11	14	17
Spring Wheat harvested.....	95	92	33	78
Sugarbeets harvested	6	3	0	1

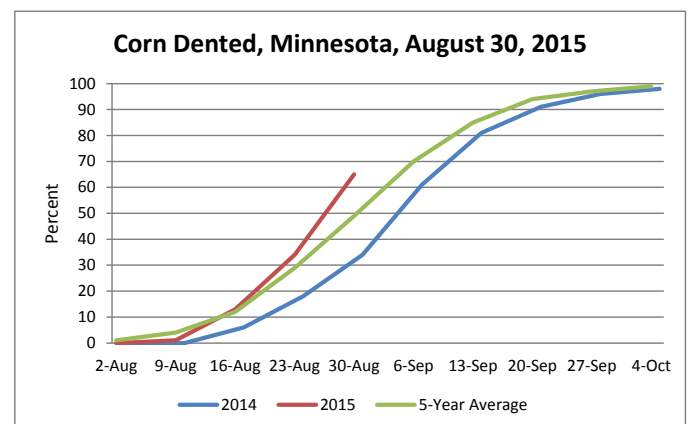
(NA) Not available.

Soil Moisture Conditions as of August 30, 2015

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	1	8	87	4
Subsoil Moisture	1	9	88	2

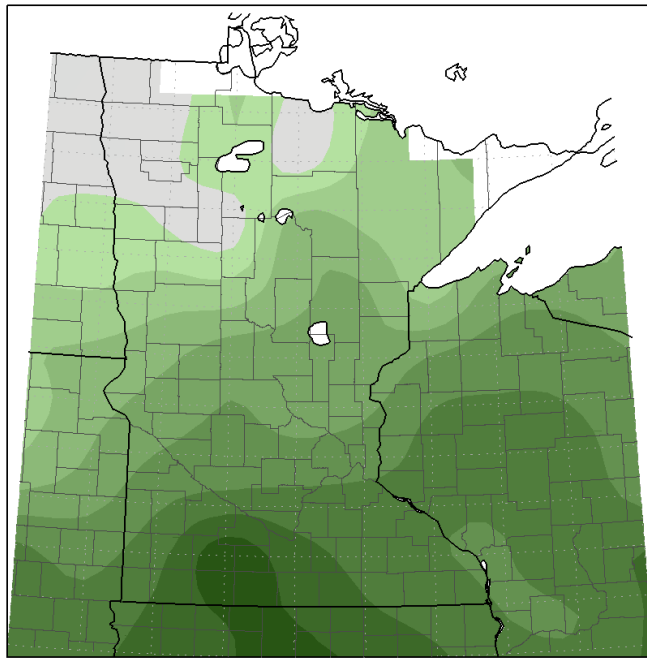
Crop Condition as of August 30, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	2	10	54	34
Dry Ed. Beans ..	1	4	23	56	16
Pasture	1	5	21	63	10
Potatoes	0	1	7	47	45
Soybeans	1	2	18	53	26
Sugarbeets	1	4	10	35	50
Sunflowers.....	0	4	34	53	9

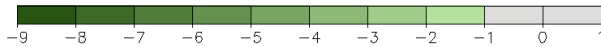


Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending August 30, 2015

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
August 24, 2015 to August 30, 2015

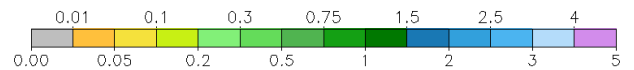
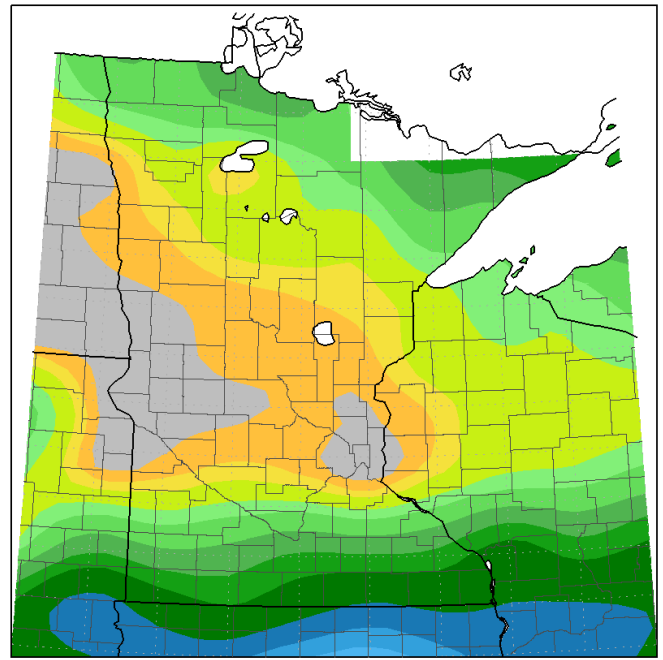


Mean period is 1981–2010.



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Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 24, 2015 to August 30, 2015



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National Weather Service data, courtesy of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources State Climatology Office, is available at:
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/climate/historical/summary.html>

Growing Degree Days can be found at <https://mygeohub.org/groups/u2u/gdd>

Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>